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THE SHOCKING CONCLUSION TO THE BLACK STINGER SAGA!

GUYS--LET ME EXPLAIN! IT'S NOT AS BAD AS YOU THINK--

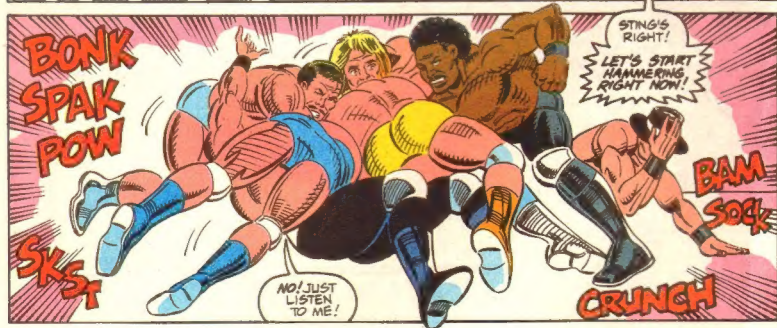
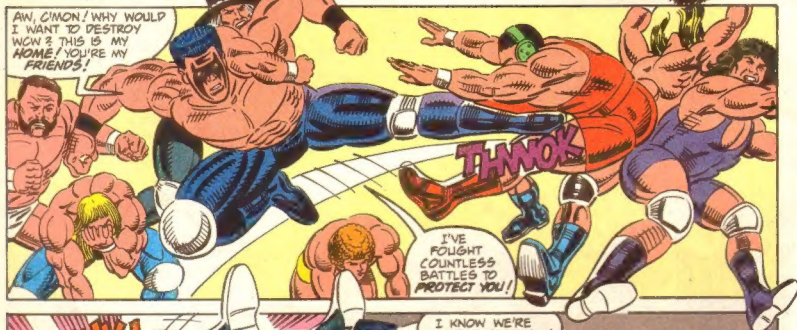
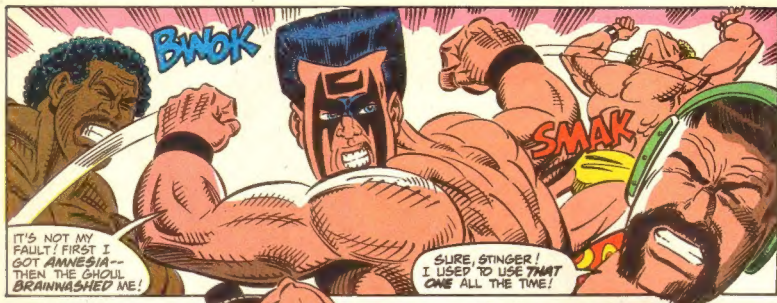
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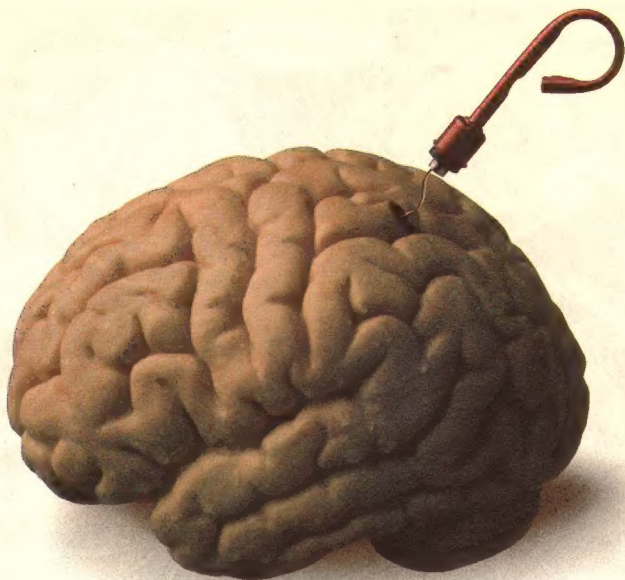
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DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, GUYS! HE'S JUST A SCUMMY TRAITOR!

THE STORY SO FAR: WCW CHAMPION STING WAS ATTACKED BY THE MANIACAL CACTUS JACK, WHO BEAT HIM ON THE HEAD WITH A BIG SHOVEL AT THE GHOUL'S REQUEST. THE RESULTING CONCUSSION PAVED THE WAY FOR GHOUL, AND THE EVIL HYPNOTIST MAX, TO LAY A HYPNOTIC WHAMMY ON OUR HERO. GOING BY THE MONIKER BLACK STINGER, AND TEAMING WITH THE GHOUL, THEY DECIMATED THE STEINER BROS., AND JOHNNY B. BADD. WHEN CACTUS HIT UP THE GHOUL FOR THE MONEY OWED HIM FOR THE JOB, GHOUL LAUGHED HIM OFF, AND CACTUS BECAME DETERMINED TO MESS UP GHOUL'S PLANS. ATTACKING THE STINGER AGAIN CAUSES STING'S MEMORY TO RETURN, JUST IN TIME TO BE SURROUNDED BY A GROUP OF HIS FORMER ALLIES... WHO WANT REVENGE AGAINST THE BLACK STINGER!

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YOU SAY NOTHING'S
WRONG WITH YOU, THEN
WHAT'S WITH THE
HAIR ?

EVEN IF YOU
WERE UNDER
GHOU'S CONTROL,
YOU STILL DID ALL
THOSE TERRIBLE THINGS!
LIKE STOMPING ON
LITTLE BOBBY SANDOR'S
BIRTHDAY
CAKE ! *

I NEVER EVEN
LIKED YOU IN THE
FIRST PLACE! WHY
SHOULD I BELIEVE
YOU NOW ?

BOOKINGS ARE
CANCELING OUT ON
US! YOU'VE RUINED
US!

* WCW #9.
--GORILLA W.



DON'T YOU THINK I KNOW THAT ? IT'S A
GUILT I'LL CARRY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

BUT THERE'S STILL TIME TO MAKE IT RIGHT!
IF WE JUST STICK TOGETHER WE CAN STILL
TURN IT AROUND! RUSTIN RHODES AND BARRY
WINDHAM CAN RACE OVER TO THE TV STATION!
JOHNNY B. BADD CAN ALERT THE NEWSPAPERS!
Z-MAN CAN REPORT TO THE RADIO / LET THE
WORLD KNOW THAT THE WCW ISN'T LICKED YET!

PRETTY
SPEECH,
CHAMP. BUT
WHY SHOULD
WE TRUST
YOU NOW ?

JUST THINK WHAT'S AT STAKE!
PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING'S NOT
JUST A CAREER--IT'S A WAY OF LIFE!
AND ALL THE LIMOS, AND JET PLANES, AND
T-SHIRTS AND ACTION FIGURES AND
MARVEL COMIC BOOKS ARE JUST THE
ICING ON THE CAKE!

MAYBE
THAT'S A BAD
CHOICE OF
WORDS.



OKAY, THEN.
SO YOU'RE WITH
ME! HEY, UM,
DOES ANYBODY
SMELL GAS ?



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ONLY YOUR STYLIST
KNOWS FOR SURE.

**RAVISHING
RICK RUDE!**
WHY AREN'T YOU
HELPING PUT OUT
THE FIRE LIKE EVERY
BODY ELSE ?!

WHAT?
AND SOIL
THIS RAVISHING
BODY & THINK
AGAIN, BLACK
STINGER.

DON'T CALL ME THAT!
DON'T EVER CALL ME THAT!
YOU'RE JUST A COWARD,
RUDE! YOU DON'T HAVE
THE GUTS TO TRY AND
SAVE NYC -- OR TO
STAND UP TO THE
GHOUL!

PRETTY JUDGMENTAL
FOR A GUY WHO STOMPS
LITTLE KID'S BIRTHDAY
CAKES. BESIDES, I DON'T
NEED THOSE CLOWNS TO
TAKE ON THAT WALKING
AVOCADO. YOU CAN COME
ALONG IF YOU WANT...THAT
IS, IF YOU AREN'T AFRAID!

OF COURSE I'M AFRAID!
AND IF YOU WERE SMART,
RUDE, YOU'D BE SCARED,
TOO!

HE TOOK MY MIND
AND TWISTED IT INSIDE
OUT, AND FOR THAT HE'S
GONNA PAY!

YOU'RE NOT
THE ONLY ONE
WITH A SCORE
TO SETTLE!

THAT CREEP
KIDNAPPED
PAUL E!

REALLY? MAYBE
WE CAN DISH OUT
SOME RANSOM
MONEY SO HE'LL
KEEP HIM!

HEY,
RUDE, GUESS
WHAT?

VERY FUNNY, WE'VE
ALL GOTTA PUT UP WITH
YOUR ANGST, BUT WHEN
SOMEBODY ELSE HAS A
PROBLEM IT'S FUN AND
GAMES TIME! MARK MY
WORDS, STING -- WE AIN'T
BROTHERS, PARTNERS, OR
FRIENDS! AND EVEN THOUGH
WE'RE WALKING TOGETHER
RIGHT NOW, AFTER WE
BEAT THE GHOUL WE GO
RIGHT BACK TO
STATUS QUO!

WE JUST
FOUND THE
GHOUL!

SO GLAD YOU
BOYS COULD MAKE
IT. AS YOU CAN SEE,
PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY
AND I WERE JUST
HANGING
AROUND.

**GAAAK!
COUGH!!**
OF ALL THE DAYS
NOT TO BE WEARING
A CLIP-ON!!

I'LL KILL PAUL E. FOR
DARING TO BARGAIN WITH
ME. I'LL KILL RUDE FOR
HAVING THE AUDACITY TO
IMPERSONATE ME. AND
STING--!

I'LL KILL STING FOR
THE FUN OF IT!

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MEANWHILE, BACK
AT THE BLAZE...

THE EXIT'S
BLOCKED! WE'LL
END UP GETTIN'
BARBECUED!

I HOPE
THE OTHER
GUYS GOT OUT OF
THE ARENA!

!KAFF!
!KOFF!

THIS HAS BEEN
FUN, BUT IT'S TIME
TO GET BACK TO THE
GHOUL. AFTER ALL
OF OUR WORK, I'D
HATE TO MISS THE
MONEY SHOT.

SKSHH!

SKSHH!

NO, NO!
THE SPRINKLERS
HAVE COME ON! I'D
BETTER SPLIT!

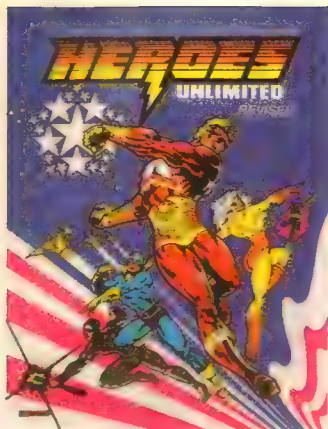
I SEEN THAT
GUY HANGIN' WITH
THE GHOUL, AND YOU
DON'T GOTTA BE
PSYCHIC TO KNOW
HE SET THIS FIRE!

THE SPRINKLERS HAVE
PUT A BIG DENT IN THIS
BLAZE. I CAN REACH HIM
IF I ACT NOW!

MY
NECK!

FWUDD!

GOOD! THAT'S
ONE EXTREMITY
BROKEN -- ONLY
FOUR TO
GO!



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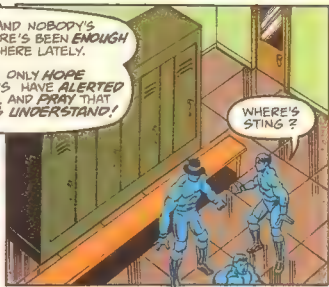
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THAT TAKES CARE OF THE **FLUNKY**, BUT WE'VE STILL GOT THE **MAIN MAN** TO CONTEND WITH.

THE FIRE'S OUT, AND NOBODY'S HURT! **GOOD!** THERE'S BEEN ENOUGH MISERY AROUND HERE LATELY.

WE CAN ONLY **HOPE** THE OTHERS HAVE ALERTED THE MEDIA, AND PRAY THAT THE FANS UNDERSTAND!



WHERE'S STING?



HE MUSTA GONE AFTER THE SHOUL!

WELL, WE CAN DO OUR PART BY TYING THIS CREEP UP UNTIL THE COPS GET HERE!

I'LL GET SOME ROPE!



ELSEWHERE.

GASP! GEMME DOWN!

RUDE! GET UP ON MY SHOULDERS!

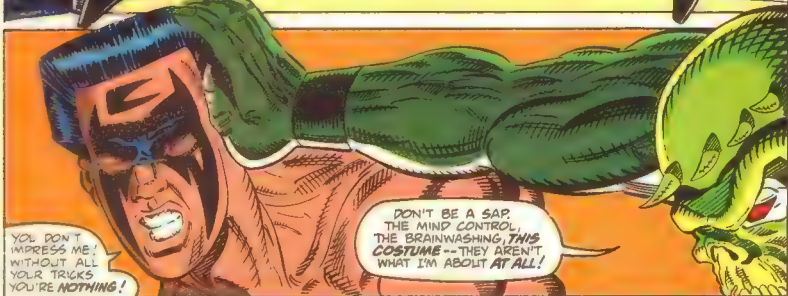
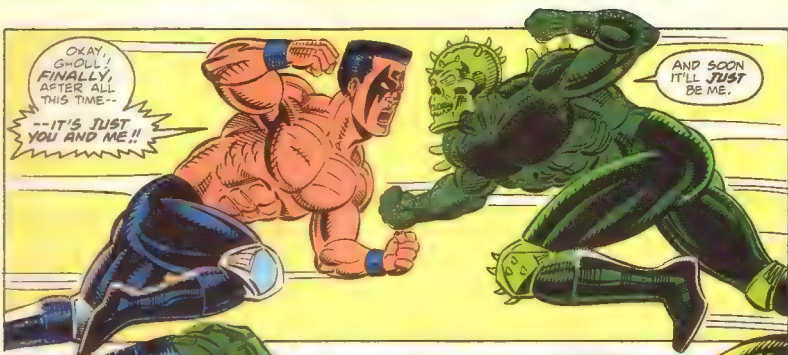


SNAP!

WAS THAT MY NECK?!

WATCHA DOIN' WITH HIM?!?

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU!



FACE IT, STING. THE NEXT CROWD YOU PLAY TO WILL BE A ROOM OF ANGELS!

K-BAM!

STING

ARRGH!

HOLD ON THERE! WHAT I'D LIKE TO HAVE RIGHT NOW, IS FOR YOU TO GET THAT SCALY, GREEN, FLABBY BODY OVER HERE-- SO I CAN KICK IT ACROSS THE ROOM!

ISN'T THAT SWEET? THEY'RE TEAMMATES!

YOU COULD'VE BEEN IN ON ALL THE GLORY, RUPE. YOU WERE ALREADY IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR! NOW, INSTEAD OF WEARING THE GOLD, YOU'LL BE SPROUTING MUSHROOMS!

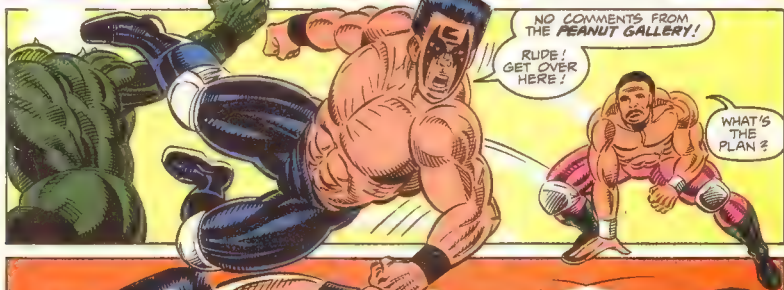
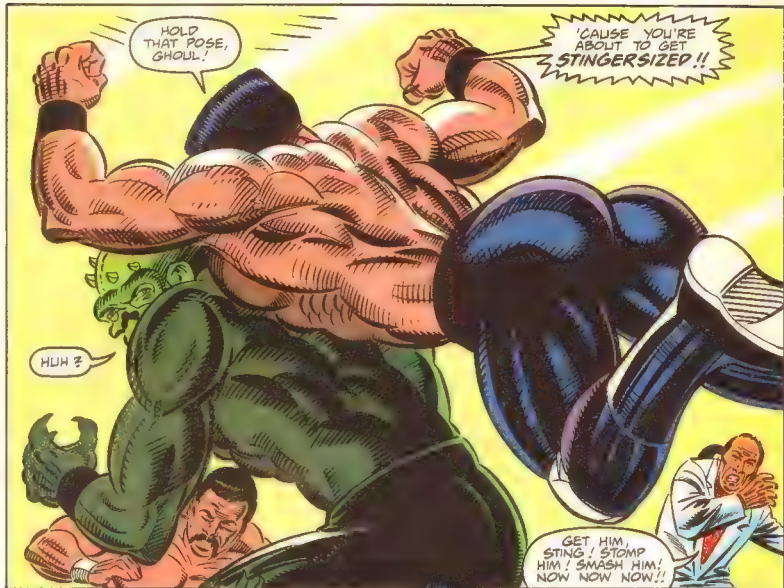
YOU HATE STING JUST AS MUCH AS I DO! FOR YOU TO SIDE WITH HIM AT THIS LATE STAGE OF THE GAME IS JUST STUPID.

I'M STUPID? SAYS THE WALKING PINEAPPLE, HERE!

I MAY BE TALKING TOUGH, BUT I AIN'T SO SURE! I CAN'T TAKE TOO MUCH MORE OF THIS! HE'S GONNA BREAK ME IN HALF!

WHATSAMATTA, BIG BOY? DON'T LIKE HAVING YOUR TENDONS STEPPED FROM THE BONE?

I CAN BEAT YOU ANYTIME I WANT! I'M JUST SAVING MY STRENGTH FOR MY BIG DATE WITH MADUSA TONIGHT!







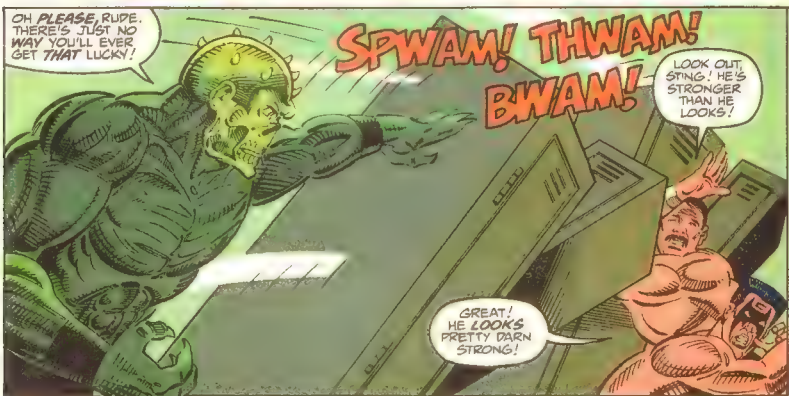
MMMMMM.
COPPERY.
SALTY.

TASTY.



LOOKS LIKE YOU
BOYS HAVE DRAWN
FIRST BLOOD.
KUDOS TO YOU.

YEAH?
WE'RE GONNA
DRAW LAST
BLOOD,
TOO!

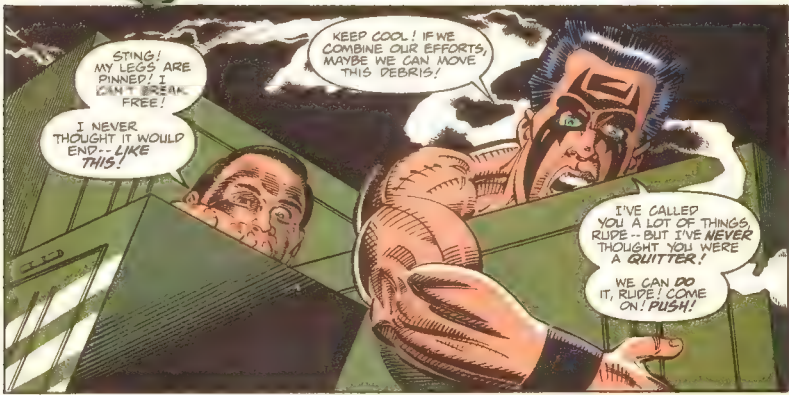


OH PLEASE, RUPE.
THERE'S JUST NO
WAY YOU'LL EVER
GET THAT LUCKY!

SPWAM! THWAM!
BWAM!

LOOK OUT,
STING! HE'S
STRONGER
THAN HE
LOOKS!

GREAT!
HE LOOKS
PRETTY DARN
STRONG!



STING!
MY LEGS ARE
PINNED! I
CAN'T BREAK
FREE!

I NEVER
THOUGHT IT WOULD
END-- LIKE
THIS!

KEEP COOL! IF WE
COMBINE OUR EFFORTS,
MAYBE WE CAN MOVE
THIS DEBRIS!

I'VE CALLED
YOU A LOT OF THINGS,
RUPE-- BUT I'VE NEVER
THOUGHT YOU WERE
A QUITTER!

WE CAN DO
IT, RUPE! COME
ON! PUSH!

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STINGER. NO WONDER THE KIDS
THINK THAT YOU'RE SUCH A
GREAT CHAMPION, BUT **SOME**
OF US -- **WE KNOW OTHERWISE.**

WE KNOW THAT YOU **USED**
THE KNOWLEDGE AND THE SKILLS
OF YOUR "FRIENDS" TO HELP
YOU GET AHEAD. **HOW ELSE**
COULD YOU HAVE ACHIEVED
YOUR FAME SO QUICKLY?

HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHAT IT **FEELS**
LIKE WATCHING A MAN YOU CALLED
YOUR FRIEND GRAB ALL THE GOLD AND
GLORY-- AFTER LEAVING YOU TO ROT
IN SOME HOSPITAL BED?!

IF YOU'RE
GONNA KILL US,
GHOUL, THEN DO
IT! BUT ENOUGH
WITH THE
SPEECHES!

HEY!
THIS IS
KINDA
INTEREST-
ING!

HE WON'T LISTEN, RUDE! HE
NEVER LISTENS TO ANYONE
BUT HIMSELF-- **ARRRRGH!**

TOOONNG

I DON'T
BELIEVE IT!
CACTUS JACK
HAS SAVED
THE DAY!

I TOLD THE GHOUL NOT TO TRIFLE
WITH **CACTUS JACK**, AND NOW I'VE PAID
HIM BACK FOR HIS INSULTING IN **SPADES!**

'CAUSE WHEN YOU TAKE ON **CACTUS**
JACK, YOU DON'T ONLY HAVE TO
WORRY ABOUT THE 300 POUND
MAN WAITING FOR YOU IN THE RING--

--YOU'VE ALSO GOTTA
CONSIDER THE 300 POUND
MANIAC WAITING FOR YOU
OUTSIDE!

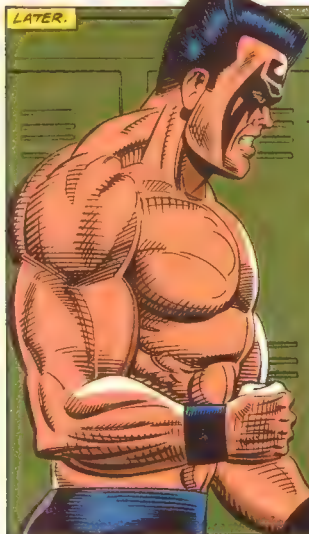
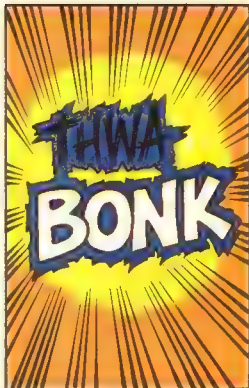
BANG!
BANG!



THAT BONK ON THE HEAD WON'T KEEP THE GHOU DOWN FOR LONG, STINGER. THEY SAY IT'S BAD FORM TO KICK A MAN WHEN HE'S DOWN--!



I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, RUPE. THAT'S THE BEST TIME TO KICK HIM!



LATER.

THANKS FOR THE HELP, BOYS. TOGETHER WE'VE SAVED WCW!

I DON'T SUPPOSE WE COULD BE FRIENDS AFTER THIS.

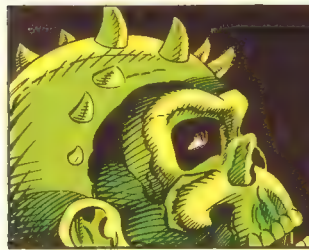


FORGET IT, STINGER! WE ALL HAD OUR REASONS FOR DOING WHAT WE DID, AND NOW THAT IT'S ALL OVER, THINGS GO RIGHT BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE!

WE'RE GONNA TAKE YOUR WORLD TITLE! C'MON, GUYS!

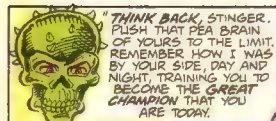
YOU'RE SUCH A SUCKER, STING. I COULDN'T TOLD YOU THEY'D BAIL OUT ON YOU AGES AGO.

IF YOU WANT REVENGE, WE COULD--

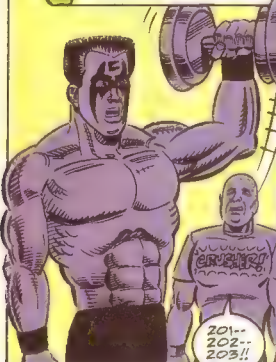


SHUT UP! I WANT ANSWERS OUTTA YOU, UGLY! AND I WANT THEM RIGHT NOW! I'LL START WITH AN EASY ONE--

--WHO ARE YOU ?!?!--



"THINK BACK, STINGER. PUSH THAT PEA BRAIN OF YOURS TO THE LIMIT. REMEMBER HOW I WAS BY YOUR SIDE, DAY AND NIGHT, TRAINING YOU TO BECOME THE GREAT CHAMPION THAT YOU ARE TODAY."



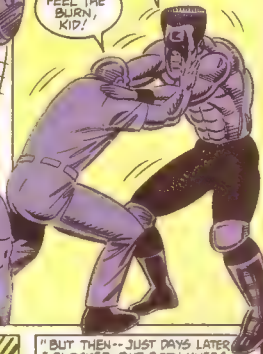
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"I WAS ALREADY AN ESTABLISHED PRO. YOU CAME TO ME TO TEACH YOU THE ROPES. I SAW YOUR POTENTIAL, AND WAS GLAD TO HELP. REALLY."

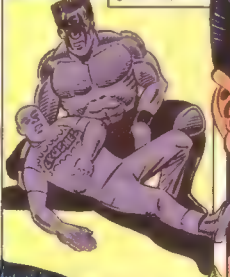
NO!
FEEL THE
BURN,
KID!

C'MON, COACH!
I'M TIRED!

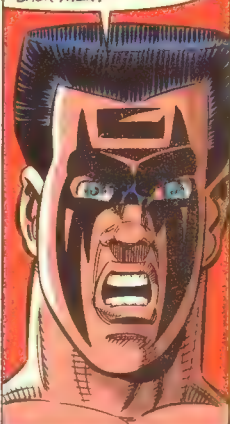


"I SEE YOU'RE STILL SELLING THE CRUSHER SHORT, KID. AND AFTER ALL THIS TIME, DON'T FORGET-- I WAS THERE AT YOUR VERY FIRST MATCH! I RAISED YOUR HAND IN VICTORY!"

"BUT THEN-- JUST DAYS LATER I BLOCKED OUT BOTH KNEES WHILE TEACHING YOU THE DREADED HOLD-- THE SCORPION DEATHLOCK! YOU SAID IT WAS AN ACCIDENT-- THAT YOU WERE SORRY!"



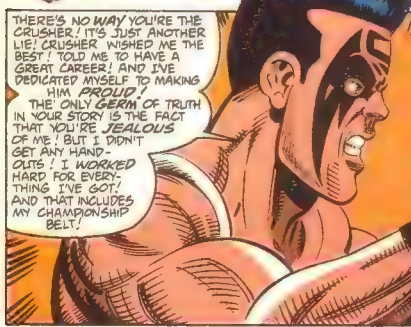
NO WAY! MY TRAINER WAS CRUSHER CRAIGTETERS, AND HE WAS MIDDLE-AGED WAY BACK THEN!



BUT I NEVER WRESTLED AGAIN. YOU WENT ON AND HAD A BIG CAREER. AND WHAT'D I GET? NOTHING! NOT EVEN A LOUSY PHONE CALL!

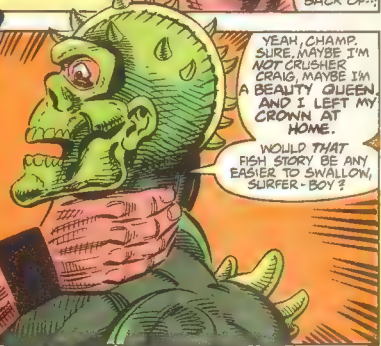


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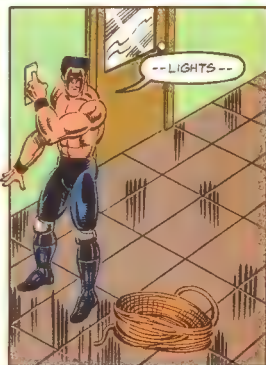
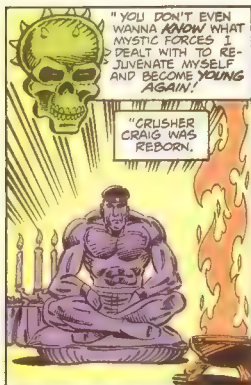
THERE'S NO WAY YOU'RE THE CRUSHER. IT'S JUST ANOTHER LIE! CRUSHER WISHED ME THE BEST! TOLD ME TO HAVE A GREAT CAREER! AND I'VE DEDICATED MYSELF TO MAKING HIM PROUD!

THE ONLY GERM OF TRUTH IN YOUR STORY IS THE FACT THAT YOU'RE JEALOUS OF ME! BUT I DON'T GET ANY HAND-OUTS! I WORKED HARD FOR EVERYTHING I'VE GOT, AND THAT INCLUDES MY CHAMPIONSHIP BELT!



YEAH, CHAMP. SURE, MAYBE I'M NOT CRUSHER CRAIG, MAYBE I'M A BEAUTY QUEEN, AND I LEFT MY CROWN AT HOME.

WOULD THAT FISH STORY BE ANY EASIER TO SWALLOW, SURFER-BOY?



BULLEPEN BULLETINS

MARK'S REMARKS

Hands up, how many of you have noticed a new kind of job title in the credits of some of our books? Need a hint? The name's "Group Editor," and you'll see this credit on such titles as SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN, X-FACTOR, DARKHOLD, and CAPTAIN AMERICA. So ... what the heck's a "Group Editor"?

In our ongoing effort to keep the ever-expanding Marvel Universe more coherent, we've had to reorganize our editorial rank and file. You see, we've always felt that one of the best ways to keep each corner of our wondrous universe tidy and self-consistent was by having related families of titles edited by the same editor. But what happens when we have too many related titles for one editor to possibly edit? Well, our Group Editor system is an attempt to solve just that problem. By having a Group Editor oversee Editors editing titles in his or her little subset of the universe, we figure we can keep ever-expanding numbers of titles self-consistent.

So let's hear it for our first flight of Group Editors, recoilless **Ralph Macchio** of the AVENGERS group, battling **Bob Harras** of the X-MEN franchise, devastating **Danny Fingeroth** of the SPIDER-MAN family, and bombastic **Bobbie Chase** of the GHOST RIDER line. Each of them now has full Editors (editing 5 or 6 titles) and Associate Editors (editing 2 or 3 titles) working under their direct guidance and supervision. The result is tighter continuity and consistency and thus better comics.

To coordinate a universe as vast and complex as Marvel's, it takes a strong infrastructure, and that's what the Group Editor system has just reinforced. At Marvel we're constantly on the lookout for better ways to do things. When you're a trailblazer, you have to.



Mark Gruenwald

Christmas is a time for celebration, and that's what we're doing as we announce the promotion of several Marvel madmen to new exalted positions.

First up we have Bogart-fan **Eric Fein**, who hatched out from the nest of Arachno-editor **Danny Fingeroth** to become an associate editor. The titles in Eric's web include MARVEL TALES and other miscellaneous Spidey reprint books, as well as Limited Series featuring the BLACK CAT and THE SHROUD. When asked how he felt about his new titles, Eric responded, "Of all the offices in all the comics companies in the world, MARVEL TALES had to end up in mine!"

Swinging aboard as Danny's new assistant is **Mike Lackey**, of WCW WRESTLING fame. Mike recently received a visit from wrestling superstar **Paul E. Dangerously**, who tore into the Marvel offices, furious

obscurity, working for **Bob Budiansky** for over a year now, with nary a mention in these pages. We'd hoped to continue that tradition, but then Matt got promoted to **Bobbie Chase's** new assistant (and surrogate Midnight Son), so we felt obligated to include him. Matt says his main claim to fame is having scripted an entire issue of NFL SUPERPOOL — and lived to tell about it!

Bob Harras has a lot of free time on his hands these days — he now has a new editor and associate editor working under him. First up is **Suzanne Gaffney**, who is working on STRYFE STRIKE FILE, WOLVERINE: INNER FURY, a DEADPOOL Limited Series, and the X-MANSION TECHNICAL MANUAL. Suzanne lists her hobbies as playing pool, throwing parties, and attending pool parties!

When **Kelly Corvese** was promoted to editor, he demanded one thing — he would only work on books with the letter "X" in the title! Thus, Kelly finds himself overseeing such titles as X-FACTOR, X-MEN ADVENTURES, and X-MEN CLASSIC. Kelly describes himself as a huge fan of Lindsay Wagner, TV's one-time Bionic Woman, but he can't really explain this strange hold Miss Wagner has over him even today.

Richard Ashford, who hails from foggy old England, is the new associate editor for all the Conan the Barbarian titles. Richard notes that he has five fingers on each hand, and adds that he was given this job because "I'm probably the only person who could pronounce 'hyperborea!'"

Chris Cooper, who now oversees CAGE, ONYX OVERLORD, and PARAGON, claims he writes DARKHOLD from personal experience! Associate editor Chris has also proposed a new

"Midnight Sons" spin-off, the Rise of the Midnight Snacks!

Finally we have **Steve Saffel**, our newest/oldest editor, who, after working for years in Marvel's promotions department, is now the editor of your favorite hype-mag, MARVEL AGE. Steve noted that "with a degree in journalism and having worked with such esoteric folks as the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and the American Red Cross, it was only natural that I would get into comics and end up editing MARVEL AGE!" Steve says he's been a comics fan for over 25 years, which means he was reading back in the days before there even was a Cable!



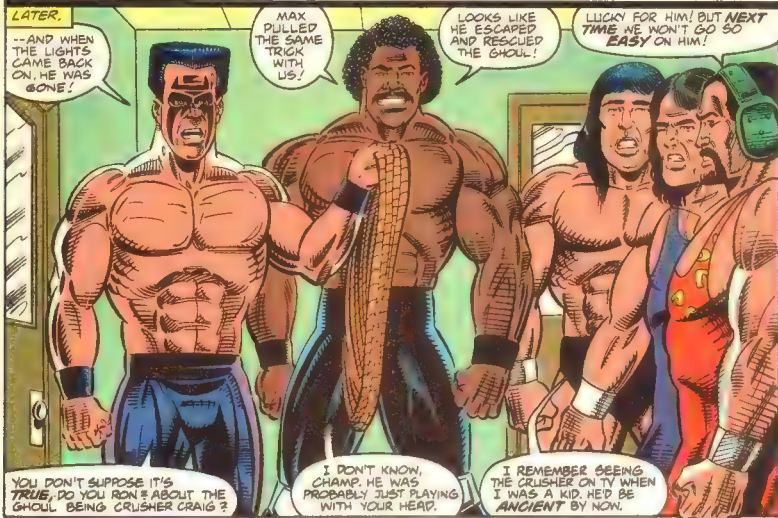
about the way artist **Ron Wilson** was drawing him. Paul E. nearly clocked Ron with his ever-present portable phone, but fortunately Marauding Mike managed to break it up, saving Ron's artwork from being torn to shreds in the process!

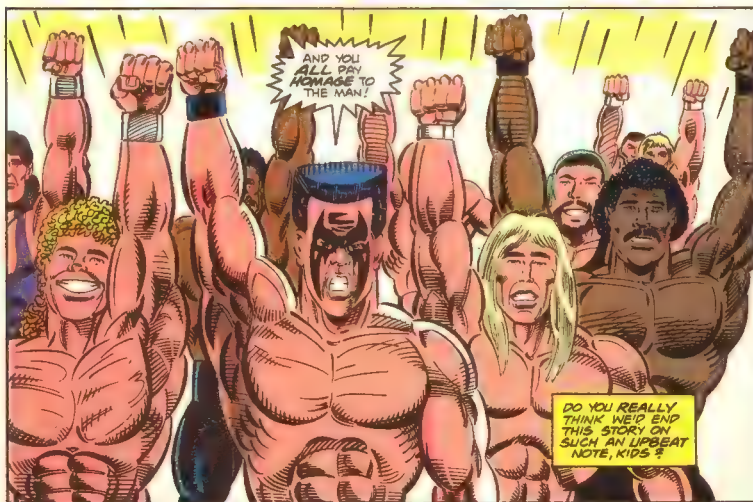
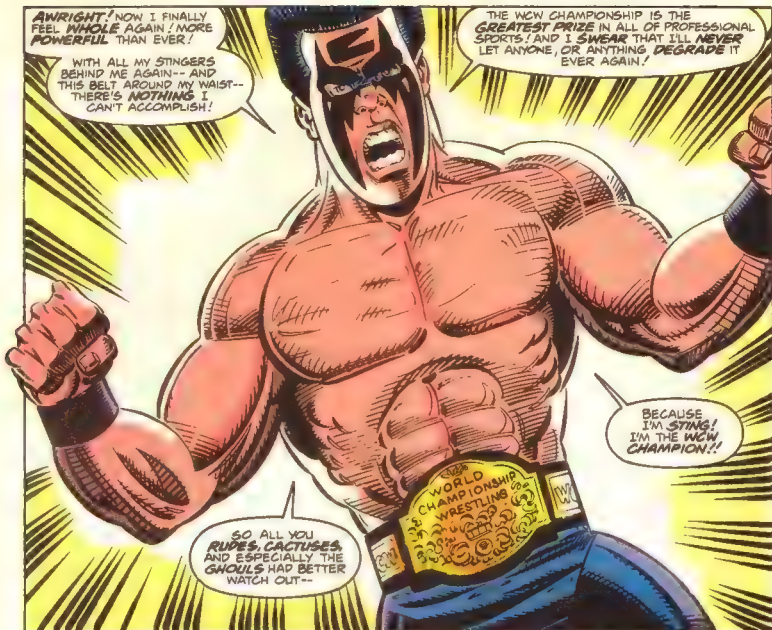
Mike's old boss, **Glenn Herdling**, is now the Custom Comics editor. Glenn's new assistant **Hector Collazo** is now putting his degree in Industrial Design to good use. Hector's final project at the University of Miami was on the inner workings of a toilet, and now he's working on NOMAD. Draw your own connections, if you must.

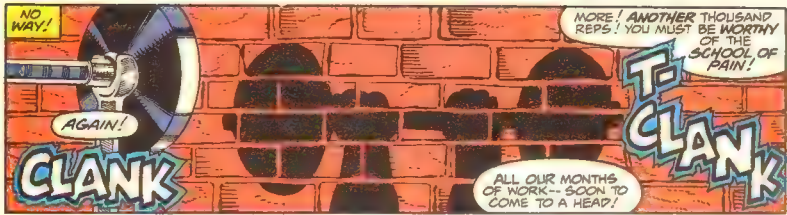
Matt Morra has been toiling away in

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SCHOOL OF
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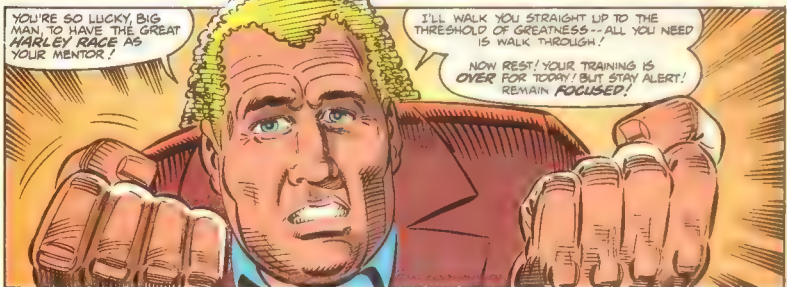
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ALL OUR MONTHS
OF WORK-- SOON TO
COME TO A HEAD!



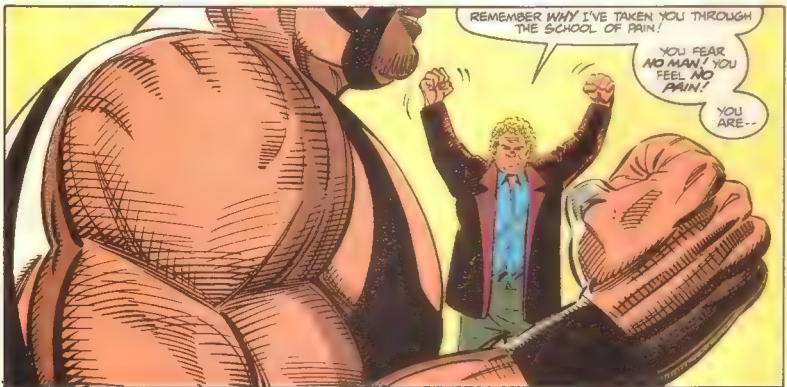
WE'LL STRIKE
NOW! WHILE STING
IS WEAK!

K-CLANK



I'LL WALK YOU STRAIGHT UP TO THE
THRESHOLD OF GREATNESS-- ALL YOU NEED
IS WALK THROUGH!

NOW REST! YOUR TRAINING IS
OVER FOR TODAY! BUT STAY ALERT!
REMAIN FOCUSED!



REMEMBER WHY I'VE TAKEN YOU THROUGH
THE SCHOOL OF PAIN!

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FEEL NO
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ARE--

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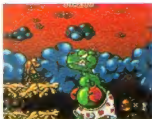
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